

GRANTEE: Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois Inc.
D/B/A Abilities Center

ADDRESS: 1907 Kishwaukee Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104

AMOUNT: \$329,341

DURATION: 24 months

POPULATION SERVED: The Training Consortium proposes to train eighty (80) employed workers in high-velocity, multi dimensional machining. The workers will be chosen from the Ingersoll Milling Machine Company and three of its tier-one suppliers – Bourn and Koch Machine Tool, Advanced Machine and Engineering and excel Gear.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Regional Advanced-Machining Project will train eighty (80) employed workers. The project will train cross-functional teams; improve the companies' tool-making capabilities as a result of having an integrated domestic source of technical workers and increase the number of high-wage, high skill positions in the region through new course offerings at Rock Valley College and Northern Illinois University. The training will provide intensive instruction in controls engineering, linear motors, machine dynamics, tools systems, tribology and other disciplines as a means of improving Ingersoll's machine-building capabilities and, ultimately of reducing its use of costly foreign workers during periods of peak business activity.

KEY PARTICIPANTS: Boone and Winnebago Counties Workforce Investment Board; Ingersoll Milling Machine Company, Bourn and Koch Machine Tool Company; Advanced Machine and Engineering Company; Excel Gear, Inc.; Northern Illinois University, Rock Valley College and the Abilities Center (Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois).

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